Claim 16, line 4, delete "of any one of Claims 1 to 12".

Claim 17, line 1, change "any one of Claims 13 to 16" to --Claim 13--.

Claim 18, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1 to 17" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 19, line 7, change "any on of Claims 1 to 12" to --Claim 1--.

, Claim 20, line 5, change "either of Claims 13 and 18" to --Claim 13--.

Claim 21, line 5, delete "according to either of Claims 15 and 16".

Claim 22, line 5, delete "according to either of Claims 15 and 16".

Claim 23, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 20 to 22" to --Claim 20--.

Claim 24, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 20 to 23" to -- Claim 20--

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1 and 13 are amended and 4-6, 8, 10-13 and 15-24 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully solicited.

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